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Mr. C. Carleton Buckman, Chairman,  
State Athletic Commission  
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Keene, New Hampshire

Dear Mr. Buckman:

Mr. William Bricker, Director of the Manchester Boys' Club, has requested that some of the members of that club be permitted to participate in exhibition matches of boxing at the "Golden Gloves" tournament to be conducted soon. You have asked whether participation in such exhibitions by boys of the age of less than eighteen years is permissible. In my opinion, such participation is not prohibited by any statute.

R.L., c. 172, s. 9 authorizes the Commission to make such rules and regulations for the conduct of athletic exhibitions as it deems necessary, subject to approval by the Governor and Council. Under the authority of this section, the Commission has promulgated certain rules and regulations. The interpretation of these rules and regulations is within the jurisdiction of the Commission. The question, therefore, whether participation by members of the Boys' Club as contemplated by Mr. Bricker is permitted by these rules and regulations is one for determination by the Commission.

Very truly yours,

Maurice M. Blodgett  
Deputy Attorney General

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